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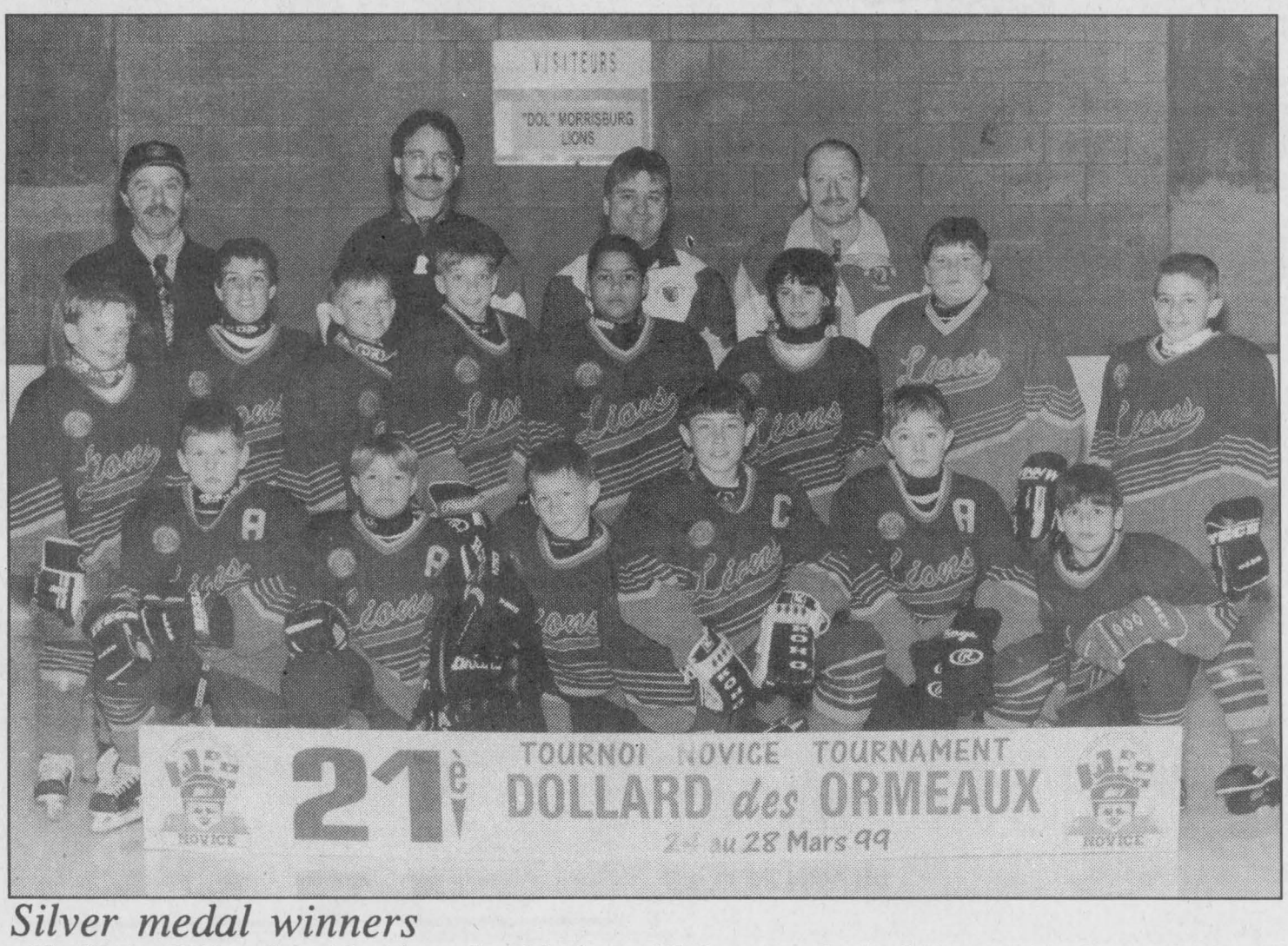

Silver medal winners

The Novice B Lions from Morrisburg played in the world's largest novice hockey tournament last week. Playing against teams with much more experience and drawn from larger populated areas, the local lads showed their stuff. Playing a gruelling schedule they were declared runners-up and brought home silver medals as proof of their skills. This tournament was larger than anything the boys had ever played in before. they handled the addeed pressure and the strangeness of the ice surface and the crowd very well. Their coaches were extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Courtesy photo.

Novice B Lions wear the silver from tourney

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftian Staff Reporter

Morrisburg and District Novice "B" Lions travelled to Montreal to take part in the "worlds largest Novice Hockey Tournament" on March 24-28.

Quite an experience for the team members this proved to be a true test for the local squad. Who would have guessed that the locals would come home wearing silver medals after a gruelling schedule that saw them playing five games in four days. Staying three nights in a Dorval hotel was something to remember as well for the team.

The first game saw the Lions down the Kingston Titans 3-1. Brandon Elliott scored all three goals for the natural hattrick with assists going to Allan Waddell, Matt Hummell, Josh Pepers, Jarell Green, Alex Whelan and Ali Tait.

The next game was on Friday and had the Lions face off against the Cumberland red barons. The lions were upset by the same score they had won by, dropping this one 3-1. Elliott scored the a lone Morrisburg marker assisted by Pepers Whelan. Graham Peters in the pipes for the Lions was hot stopping many other scoring chances by the Red Barons.

The third and final game of the round robin took the Lions on to the ice to face off with the Manchester Flames from New Hampshire. The Lions responded well after their defeat, maintaining the play almost solely in the Flames end of the rink. Victory was sweet as the Lions defeated the Flames 6-0. Goals came from the sticks of Peter Coolican, Elliott (who played extremely well in this tourney), and Waddell. Darren Baldwin picked up the hat trick in this game. Assisting on counters were, Elliott on two -the first and the last; Coolican, Waddell and Bryce Fournier helped out with the scoring. The Lions defense was so tight, they did not allow the flames a single shot on net.

The Lions then had to wait to see if they would be continuing on or if their playing was over. At eight thirty that same evening, the Lions found themselves in the wild card position, by having the least goals allowed, only four in three games, an enviable record.

On saturday morning at 8am, the Lions took to the ice to face their arch rivals, South Stormont in an action packed, penalty filled game. With only three goals counted in this game, it was a terrific game that showed the skill these youngsters possess. Morrisburg won by the slimmest of margins, 2-1. Counters came from Matt Hummell who put two past Colin Mackay for the victory. Assisting Hummell as he rattled the mesh in the South Stormont pipes were Brandon Elliott, Ali Tait, Collin Chesbro and Peter Coolican. Once again

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Sabourin reacts to McIntosh stories

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"We're getting bad press about that McIntosh property again," Bev Sabourin told Council last Thursday.

The Matilda ward councillor was reacting to recent articles in the *Ottawa Citizen* which focused on a lack of promotion at the historic Dundela site of the first McIntosh apple tree.

A recent Ontario Apple Marketing Commission announcement that the McIntosh apple is losing ground to such varieties as the Fuji and Gala triggered some renewed media interest in the birthplace of the McIntosh Red. The resulting articles, and then a letter to the editor from the property owner, Gerd Skof, who lives in Vanier, left the impression that nothing is being done to promote the McIntosh site.

It was a tone that Sabourin clearly didn't like. She pointed out that the Matilda Recreation Committee did a $25,000 fix-up of the park in Dundela — across the road from the McIntosh property — renaming it Matilda McIntosh Heritage Park, complete with spanking new signs, information kiosk and picnic tables.

"I think that's sufficient now," she said.

In his letter to the *Citizen*, Skof complains that not enough tourists are attracted to the site, because of a lack of signs, but on the other hand reminds readers to keep off his property. "Under the trespass law, a private property is a private property," he writes.

"If he wants it to go for heritage so bad, maybe he would donate it," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker of the McIntosh site.

Sabourin noted that heritage-property concerns aren't exclusive to her ward. "I wonder why we haven't done something with Dr. Locke's home?" she asked.

Dundela tour

The following Saturday, Sabourin held a powwow in Dundela, showing a few reporters around the Heritage Park, a project the Matilda Recreation Committee took on a few years ago.

"The idea was ... people could come here, have a picnic, relax," she said on a sunny afternoon.

Sabourin also announced that Heritage Canada is interested in putting up a third roadside plaque in front of the McIntosh farm, just across the street.

Such a plaque would come in addition to printed words aplenty displayed in this corner of the township.

A kiosk in the middle of the park holds information on the McIntosh as well as posters about the SS #9 Dundela schoolhouse to the west. From there, visitors are meant to take a stroll over to the two existing plaques at the side of County Rd 18, in front of the McIntosh farm itself. A plaque marking the spot of the first tree rests somewhere inside the property, though the owner won't allow visitors entry to see this local icon.

The McIntosh Heritage Committee's Sandra Beckstead, who runs Smyth's Orchard, said tourists do indeed come to

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Down on the mac farm ...

But without crossing the property line, Bev Sabourin and Sandra Beckstead pose with the early roadside monument (circa 1910) at the McIntosh property. Even then, local residents wanted to recognize there was something special in the midst of Dundela.

Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen

HMCS Iroquois banner coming

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The *HMCS Iroquois* banner will come to town sooner than expected, when ship's Captain S.E. King and Petty Officer Second Class Perry DeBellefeuille fly in from the east coast to present the wooden plaque, April 5th.

A colour guard will pump up the pomp and circumstance at the Iroquois Legion as the destroyer's old 3' x 4' banner is donated to Iroquois residents.

Presentation of the banner is set for 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

An RSVP dinner for 100 will be held earlier in the evening. Members of the DeBellefeuille family and an assortment of naval officers from eastern Ontario are expected to be among the honoured guests.

"It really is because of Perry that the banner is coming to Iroquois," Iroquois ward Councillor Audrey Rooney said Monday.

DeBellefeuille heard the ship's 29-year-old wooden plaque was set to be replaced with a bilingual version and mentioned to his superiors that he hails from the destroyer's namesake. The deal was sealed.

Rooney plans for the Indian-head design to be put on display at the Carman House during the tourist season.

DeBellefeuille profile

Rooney delivered a brief biography on Iroquois' man on the *Iroquois*. Here it is:

PO2 DeBellefeuille attended school in Iroquois, graduating from Seaway District High School in 1981. Upon graduation, he was employed with S&F as a receiver until 1985. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1985 through the Youth Training Employment Program. PO2 DeBellefeuille graduated from basic training at the recruit school in Cornwallis Nova Scotia in October 1985. He was posted to CFB Esquimalt in British Columbia for a sea environmental course and his trades training as a Naval Signalman. In June 1986 he was posted to the HMCS Fraser where he served until January 1989. While onboard *Fraser* he successfully completed his on the job training program and achieved his trade level 5 qualification, which is necessary for promotion. After serving on

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Bird Sanctuary scavenger hunt, Easter Sunday

First things first, **set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday night** for the switch back to daylight savings time.

Come Easter Sunday, you'll be right in sync with the world and ready for a scavenger hunt at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Friends of the Sanctuary will host the event, which runs, rain or shine, from 1 - 4 p.m. Everyone's welcome. Start and finish anytime during the afternoon. Admission is $2 per family.

After hunting for Easter eggs around home in the morning, go to the Sanctuary and search for items in the woods that a real `bunny rabbit' would find on Easter Day. Walk along the paths and wear off those extra chocolate calories.

For more info call 448-2580.

Don Cameron gets Liberal nod

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A storm is brewing in Leeds and Grenville and if Don Cameron has his way, the political winds will form a tornado sweeping Ontario Solicitor General Bob Runciman, Premier Mike Harris and the provincial Tories right out of office.

A wonderful spring day marked Cameron's rise to the top job in Leeds and Grenville as some 416 provincial Liberal faithful made the trek to the South Grenville Secondary School gymnasium in Prescott to elect a candidate.

Liberal MP Joe Jordan, and Liberal MPP John Cleary, were pleased to welcome him to the fold as Cameron pulled all the right strings with his partisan crowd.

Commenting on the Harris governments' lack of vision, as well as the legacy; a healthcare system in jeopardy, alienated teachers, and tax cuts funded with borrowed dollars; he told his audience they need to take back the province from those who have abused it.

"And there's a message for Mike," he said, a sly smile striking both corners of his lips, "Start looking over your shoulder because we're coming and we're not gonna "make your day!"

A veteran of municipal politics,

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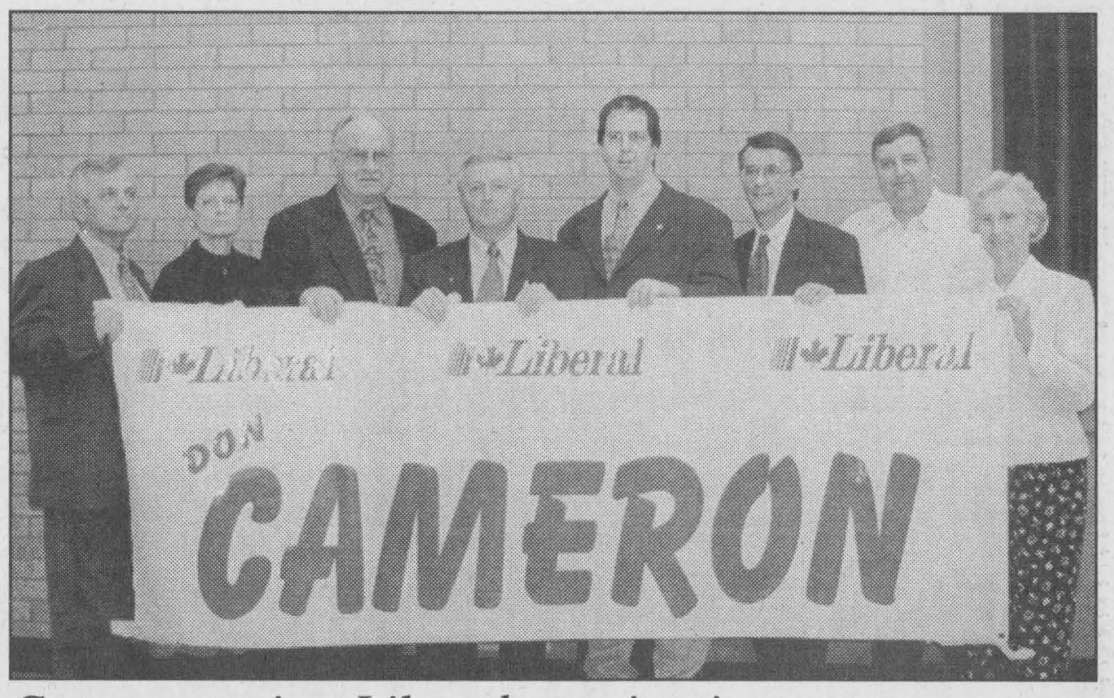

Cameron wins Liberal nomination

The Leeds and Grenville Liberal Riding Association held their nomination meeting last Sunday at South Grenville District High School in Prescott. Don Cameron (fourth from the right) got the nod for the Liberals. With Mr. Cameron, from left to right, John and Moreen Sheppard, MPP John Cleary, MP Joe Jordan, Howard Alexander, Denis Sabourin and Ruth Abercrombie.

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Daffodils for cancer

Local Venturers Andy Norton, Adam Lewis and Jeremy Johnston, along with Kevin and Michelle Coville, Roger and Sandra Johnston, blitzed the Plaza. Spending two nights after school selling the yellow blossoms to help the Cancer Society is a service project for the youth group. Thanks to the generosity of the community, more money than ever was raised for this good cause.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Upper Canada Playhouse gets $5,000 grant, tax relief

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Voting 3-2, South Dundas Council forgave $7,200 in back taxes owed by the Upper Canada Playhouse and topped off the tax relief with a $5,000 grant to the local theatre company.

Thursday's decision came in response to a request for a straight $10,000 grant. Playhouse executive members came to the previous meeting, Mar. 12, to ask for the grant but also indicated their resolve to pay off the tax arrears during the 1999 season.

"They're having financial problems, but the Playhouse has been a benefit to South Dundas," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker, proposing the $5,000 grant and tax write-off scheme, which works out cheaper for the township but richer for the Playhouse.

Assuming the taxes would have been paid, only 20 to 25 percent would have ended up in South Dundas coffers because the rest is collected on behalf of the school board and United Counties. South Dundas's real cost for the combined grant/write-off is then about $6,500 while the Playhouse realizes a benefit worth over $12,000.

The dissenting councillors, Audrey Rooney and Bev Sabourin, had a tough time with the second part of the equation.

"No, we're giving them more than they asked for. I can't support that," Rooney said, looking astounded as the motion was tabled.

She pointed out the new community radio station (CISD FM) got about $3,000 less than requested, even though it has an emergency function and will help foster the careers of local young people.

Sabourin said she agreed with a concern Rooney expressed about the amount the Playhouse planned to spend on artwork and landscaping — $500 and $2,500 respectively.

But the vote was already in the bag. Councillor Rowdy Gillard almost immediately indicated his support for Whitteker's idea and Councillor Cam Martel soon followed.

The Morrisburg ward councillor was actually shooting for a $7,500 grant, and likely would have got it had Sabourin not pitched a $3,000 figure. A wheeling and dealing Whitteker quickly offered to "split the difference" and brought them back to his original $5,000 grant level.

Martel met Rooney's objections by noting the township's $25,000 loan to the Iroquois Golf Club last year.

Rooney wasn't buying the comparison. "That's a municipally owned golf course," she said. "It's not the same thing."

She questioned writing off taxes as a method of supporting the Playhouse, but Whitteker said it wouldn't set a precedent for other groups who appear at Council with hat in hand.

Council seriously discussed an overhaul of the way it distributes grant money. Presently, the township deals with requests as they come, but that could change as the township looks into setting deadlines for making application within a given year.

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This year there are differences to the way in which the season will be celebrated and observed in Matilda. On Good Friday, the United, Anglican, Presbyterian and Community Christian reformed Churches will be working together to provide a meaningful Good friday Service at 7:30pm in Brinston United Church. Dramatic worship, adapted from "This Jesus Must Die" by James Killough, will be the order of the day and all are encouraged to come and to observe this high point in the Christian story. After all, what is Easter without Good Friday?

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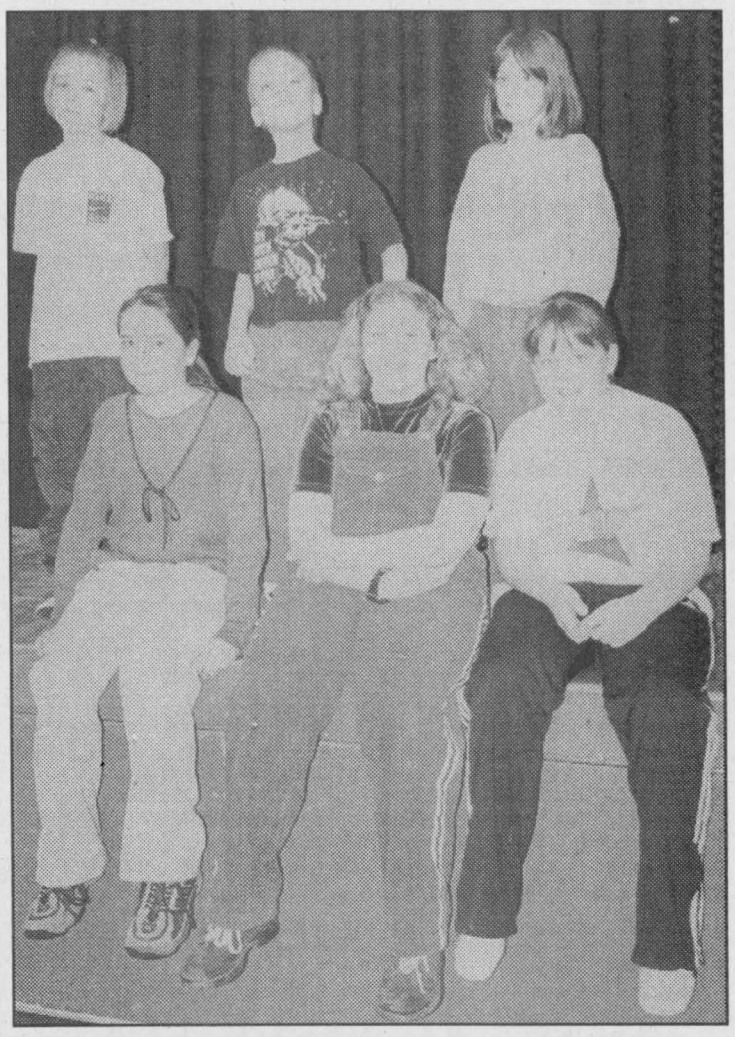

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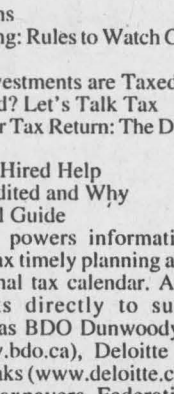

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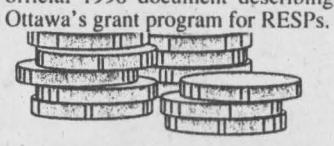

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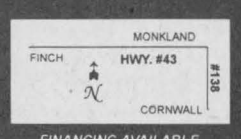

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A memorial orchard

The birthplace of the McIntosh apple deserves better.

Deserves better than ramshackle rental housing and an absentee landlord.

Deserves better than yet another plaque slapped up by yet another level of government in front of the same old eyesore.

Now Heritage Canada wants to mark the spot of the original McIntosh farm in Dundela with a sign of its own — bilingual of course — adding to three existing markers at the site: the familiar blue historical Ontario sign at the county roadside; the private "by popular subscription" monument sitting beside it; and far inside the property line, a ground-level stone commemorating the location of the first McIntosh apple tree.

Problem is, the present markers are not fronting a visitor-friendly spot, or the, um, most attractive property to look at.

Ever feel like you were trespassing? Stop by the old McIntosh place and you'll get that feeling. And that's without actually leaving the road allowance. With the front stoop of the property's dilapidated house — complete with snoozing rottweiller — closer than an apple falls from a tree ... well, let's just say you feel unwelcome. Like an intruder. Go looking for that third marker out behind the barn somewhere and you really would be looking for an equal amount of trouble.

It shouldn't be that way. The fifteen acres which remain of the old farm deserve better, and so do we all. It's time for the township to salvage what dignity is left of the place, and buy it.

Buy it, level the house and other buildings on site, and turn the whole acreage into a living monument to Canada's most famous fruit — by filling the property with row upon row of newly-planted McIntosh trees, the progeny of that fortuitous discovery made two centuries ago.

An orchard of McIntoshes on the McIntosh property, it's a natural. Aside from the obvious, here's why:

- An orchard would give somebody a reason to look after the property. The township could farm out management of the orchard to a community-minded apple grower, or growers, for probably nothing more than the apple crop. A low maintenance option from a taxpayer's perspective — sit back and watch those apples grow.
- Orchards look good. A host of new apple trees on the spot where only fallow fields and decrepit housing have stood for too long would be the apple in downtown Dundela's eye. Run a wrought iron or cedar rail fence in front of the orchard — and an open gate, of course — and you're looking at something that becomes part agriculture, part park, part monument, and naturally beautiful. Sublime, actually.
- Apple trees make excellent tenants. They're not concerned with privacy. They don't keep rottweillers. They don't gawk. Passers-by might actually be encouraged to linger, or take a walk down a cobblestone path to that third marker, with only the apple blossoms as company. With the McIntosh family having long since divested its stake in the property, nobody else should live there anymore, save McIntosh trees. It's too important a place to be wasted as a rental unit. It should be *ours*.
- An orchard gets taxed at a much lower rate than a residential property, which would be a big help to any non-profit group with an interest in receiving title to the site.

The present owner of the farm apparently wants to sell. Buying it with the intention of turning it into a memorial orchard would allow the township to do the right thing, and at a minimum overall cost: the purchase price plus demolition and tree planting costs. After that, the orchard would survive without public funds — for the same reason that orchards have flourished in Matilda for 200 years.

And surely to goodness, Canada's Heritage Department and maybe even our own Noble Villeneuve's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs might see a reason to help out. Ontario Trillium grants could also be available for such a project. Or what about the good corporate citizens out there? Apple Computer may not know it, but Dundela played a role in its own history.

Matilda ward Councillor Bev Sabourin is justifiably seeing red about all the bad press the old place has recently been getting in the big city papers. Her Matilda Recreation Committee did a lot of good work in Dundela, some $25,000 in upgrades to the Matilda McIntosh Heritage park located kitty-corner to the farm. But that never gets a mention in the *Citizen*. Sabourin has also worked with a local heritage committee looking at what to do about the McIntosh property for a long time now. Local people have not ignored the situation.

Unfortunately, the Heritage Park will never completely divert attention away from the eyesore across the road; it is THE place after all.

Transformed into a memorial orchard, it wouldn't be an embarrassment anymore, but a source of pride. Some of the apples could be specially stickered and sold to raise funds for community projects, a novelty item that might do well at Upper Canada Village or the Nepean Log Farm. If you close your eyes really tight and try really hard, you might just imagine people from the city coming down to special cider-pressing days, or apple-picking days.

Or maybe not. Dundela's not Disneyland, you say?

In a worst case scenario, the orchard just stands there, looking good, no longer a black eye to this area.

Even if not a single extra tourist — not *one* — comes out to see such a living, leafy monument, South Dundas will have done no worse than it does when it assumes the upkeep of some rarely visited cemeteries. That is, doing the right thing.

We're talking sacred ground here. **NZ**

"A Lady for All Seasons" A life of dedication and devotion

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

First elected in a by-election in 1958, little did anyone suspect that this was only the beginning of a political career that would take her to Ottawa, New York City and London, England before it was over.

A very distinguished, friendly and extremely pleasant lady, Jean Casselman-Wadds was a wonderful representative of the people who elected her in the original, rural riding of Grenville-Dundas. Her love of the rural area and the comfort she felt in meetings concerning her constituents made her years among the politics of this area most rewarding, both for her and the people she represented. Hers was a very familiar name and face in the riding.

She explains that she feels she was "born" into politics. "My first memory of my dad was as a political figure. He had been a councillor for several years prior to being elected Reeve, and I always wanted to tag along with him to meetings. Thus, I felt quite at home when it became my turn to sit around the meeting table as a member," she comments.

Her dreams came true as her father, Earl Rowe beat out Hepburn to become the leader of the Conservative party in Ontario and she was able to attend meetings and conventions alongside him. She credits these experiences with providing her with an unusual ease when she was elected and found herself in the House of Commons as a Conservative member.

She speaks in glowing terms of her late husband, A.C.Casselman who she says was very gregarious, whether in the field of law, sports or politics, all through the area and "this was a help to me and my aspirations."

She smiles as she sits in a lovely wicker chair in her living room, the early spring sunshine shooting through the window. Above her head is a beautiful portrait of her beloved A.C. She literally glows as she continues, "I just love Dundas County and the people who live there. I still feel very good about them, they were and remain so kindly, and hospitable towards me." She added how when she was an MP, the people of the two counties were so very good, "They never interrupted me on a Sunday, that was my one day with my children (Nancy and Clare) and they left me alone to cultivate the family ties, that was appreciated by me for sure!" She tells how even when she was in Ottawa all week, she made a point of being home every weekend. She speaks highly of her housekeeper who worked for her before she married "Cass" (as she affectionately calls her late husband) and prior to the children coming along, and who agreed to remain and take care of the son and daughter who meant so much to Jean. "They were somewhat used to their father being away all week long, so it was not the jolt it might have been when I too had to leave for the week.

She breaks into a broad smile as she recalls how women's lib was just starting to emerge onto the scene. "PM John Deifenbaker was very politically aware and this helped me immensely, allowing me to make the Speech from the Throne, now there was quite an honour!"

She tells how she was not a effective debater, but loved it best when she was working in the country with her riding people. She was a lady who most often got what she wanted, like the Agriculture portfolio, External Affairs and the CBC.

Among her amazing accomplishments is her work in New York at the United Nations when in 1961 Deif sent her to the U.S.A. "My years at the U.N. were marvellous, I wish I could be back there now!" says this lady as we continue the interview.

She laughs when she tells about her dad suggesting to Deif (same age and had been parliamentary companions), "It is none of my business John, but you seem to be giving Jean too many honours, other young members have worked just as hard as her-..." only to be told, "You are right, Earl, it IS none of your business! She is the only one up on the Hill every day at 8am like me."

Working as a member of the Ontario Municipal Board was a challenging time. A provincially appointed position, this gave her time to be in the rural areas she loved so much. The advice she received here, "Treat people decently and honestly and you'll do okay," was a lesson for life. "I simply loved this time and it happened at a most opportune time...I was a defeated candidate and newly divorced from Mr. Wadds, it was just what I needed."

After 10 years in the House, she spent 4 years in London, England, an appointment as High Commissioner, quite an honour, that allowed her the opportunity to rub elbows, to enjoy the company and get to know on a personal level; Queen Elizabeth II; Prince Phillip; Charles, Prince of Wales, and Lady Di, heads of state from countries all over the world who would

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A Lady For All Seasons and All People. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Hippity - Hoppity Easter Time

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee



It is so wonderful when you step out the door each morning, to hear the birds singing and yelling at one another, as if welcoming one another back from their southern vacation destinations. The sun greets us as we rub sleep from our eyes and the snow recedes by the hour. The drab brown grass shows itself and thoughts turn to ideas of gardening. As a matter-of-fact, the neighbour has peppers, tomatoes and flowers already sprouting in the greenhouse...and this old writer has not yet even determined what to plant when the soil warms enough to allow us to play in it.

The sunshine was a great help on the weekend as the editor travelled to the bird Sanctuary for a seminar on those feathery little Blue Birds that are slowly making a come back. A focus on them next week will enlighten readers.

Along the route there were so many signs of spring...mud, water puddles everywhere, people out checking their lawns and flowerbeds, youngsters playing in water and running without those cumbersome winter jackets, roller bladers out in force, motorcyclists on the highway and folks walking their dogs; it is indeed springtime. Stopping to snap a picture of some lads playing on a tree which had fallen across a fast running stream of water seemed like a great shot but when I got the camera set, they ran off, camera shy, I guess.

Friends came over for supper on Saturday evening, both sons were out, one at a party and the other at the show in the big city. We enjoyed some chicken and conversation and then watched the Horse Whisperer with Robert Redford. It is a good movie but, Robert is sure showing his age...a sign of the times, eh?

The big guy and I went out on the community patrol later and enjoyed a free coffee around 2am courtesy of the Becker's Store, nice of the management to do this for those on patrol, it helped.

Number one son is busy completing no less than 16 essays and reports, all due before the end of next month. Along with all this activity, he is working on College and University applications and requirements thereof that are also to be completed within the next couple of weeks. We will know where to locate him that is certain until all this workload is done, at least.

Last Sunday was a co-worker, reporter, Nelson's birthday, a special niece was 21 yesterday (Sherri Lee) and a week from yesterday is the old editor's next one. The big guy will celebrate a week from Sunday although he is trying to keep it under wraps, we will ensure it is not forgotten. A sister-in-law (Deb) celebrates on Saturday, while a cousin's gal (Emily) is 16 tomorrow, and then as the month winds down, the brother (Mike) will become another year older. Presents are bought and all seems in order for each special day as it rolls around.

This is a short week what with Good Friday and all. It will be a tough week next week to locate enough material, stories and pictures to fill a paper, but we will try to enjoy the time off.

A fellow passed away this past week, the sister-in-laws' father and the big guy and the writer attended the funeral service. Gord was a great guy and will be missed... Sunday marked the exact day that a brother went to a better place some six years ago. This was a day for memories, a visit to the cemetery and some nice flowers placed on a gravesite. A lot of people have talked to the writer about these happenings, afterall his soul has departed, but somehow it seems right to stop by and say a few choice words to him every once in a while. It has taken these past six years to figure it out, but I have come to the conclusion that because he left so abruptly and unexpectedly and we had no time to say our good-byes, there has not yet been any closure to the matter. I will continue to search for the answer...

The Easter Bunny comes this weekend like the clocks get turned back on Saturday night...oh, goody, I will lose an hour's sleep, not something I look forward to when this virus just won't let go and sleep deprivation is becoming the norm in my routine. Back to the Bunny, sicne the sons are getting up in age, we figured the floppy eared fellow would bypass the ranch, but the protests decided for us that we best decorate and ensure that he at least stops briefly to let us know it really is Easter. Church will be a family affair on Sunday as we all get the new duds on and charge out for breakfast, a first at our church this will be a time of fellowship before the service and then the youngsters will search for Easter eggs after the service, a novel approach to intertwine the various celebrations of teh season, we are looking forward to these events. A Maundy Thursday service will be attended and then the Good Friday one that is being hosted in Matilda this spring will be a nice change. Last year, the big guy and the writer attended a prayer vigil over Saturday night and into

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the bottom line

TEAM TRIVIA GAMES NIGHT WILL HAVE LOCAL QUIZ MASTERS fielding questions on a variety of subjects, Friday, April 30 at the Morrisburg Legion. The games, billed as a fun filled fundraiser for Upper Canada Playhouse, begin at 7:15 p.m. People are encouraged to get teams of up to 10 together for the event. Give your team a name and some kind of identifying costume, color, or hat. A variety of backgrounds and interests on your team will help put it in the running for a prize by night's end. If you're not already involved, call 543-3713.

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1ST IROQUOIS VENTURERS WILL HOST A CAR WASH AT THE FIRE hall in town on Saturday, April 3, starting at 10 a.m. and going till 2 p.m. **Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club** who host their Annual Flea Market in the Civic Centre the same day. The youth will give your vehicle a spring cleaning for a reasonable price. Wash $5. In/out $10. Support your local youth! As for the Amateur Radio Club's **"Ham Fest Flea Market,"** members of the public are most welcome to check out an assortment of used radio equipment, computers, VCR's and other electronic goodies.

TONY EASTER HAD 5 OUT OF 6 NUMBERS IN THE MARCH 20TH DRAW for 649 lotto tickets. He grabbed $12,500 for his luck. Ticket was purchased at Mustard's Variety. Way to go Tony! Congrats on your win.

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BUCKLE UP, THE O.P.P. HAVE SET AN APRIL 1ST START DATE FOR another annual two-week seatbelt blitz. Perhaps April Fools' Day has particular significance this year ... the 5-10% of motorists who don't wear seatbelts are fools indeed, police say. One in three people killed in Ontario car accidents are not buckled in, according to the O.P.P. stats. Last year, the O.P.P. checked just over 400,000 vehicles and charged 8,500 people. Police will push for 500,000 checks this time around. (Hmmm, if one of three fatalities was unbuckled, then two of three fatalities *were buckled* ... Complete odds should've been provided; they'd be more convincing. Stay safe and wear your seatbelt.) nz

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profoundly affect her to this day. An exciting and interesting time for her, she truly seems to be in awe of what she did. "England is so rich in history, I'd enjoy it more now if I could go back and do the job again."

When asked what she regrets about her life, she is quick to reply, "Nothing! I have an enormous amount of appreciation for my positive, good health all my life. "I liked being an MP, especially the riding work, I was lucky to have all the connections in the riding and in parliament."

Then, she stops and her mind seems to wander, " I guess I wish I'd kept a journal or a diary. I always felt I was too busy, I could sit down now, but too much has been forgotten, especially dates and the like. The time I spent with my dad...being in the House together for a few years was unique, he was full of fun and always optimistic in all his outlook." She recalls his advice to her when she worried too much, "My dear, you are not quite 40, and by the time you are 60, you'll not care about that at all!" She recollects how all her friends in Ottawa were so good to her, even the Liberals!

As she sits enjoying our visit, the sunshine, her lovely home and the town she loves, ("I always loved Prescott.") it is easy to see why her career spanned the years and the areas it did.

A history buff, she says, "History makes you very modest, for no matter how much you know, there is still so much you don't know," and "perhaps that is the draw for me," she says.

Her love of history is evident, her commitment to family and to what her life has been are surrounding her in pictures that adorn every wall, every table and almost every space in her living room. Her affinity to Africans is here, her love of family is present and her love of life to the fullest is ever near as you sit in the home she chose.

She has enjoyed dinner with the Royals, country leaders and various diplomats, yet she seems to speak most fondly about the people from her original riding of Grenville-Dundas...this speaks volumes about the lady.

It is an honour to be her guest, this reporter certainly will treasure the time and the fact that she had this opportunity. We are fortunate to have had her as our representative in Ottawa, New york and England, she did a fine job and made us all proud, even those who did not realize she was doing the work on our behalf.

A truly remarkable Canadian, eh?

Just Livin'

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Sunday. The same is being offered as a meaningful experience to truly get into the Easter mode. We have not yet decided whether we will be a part of it or not.

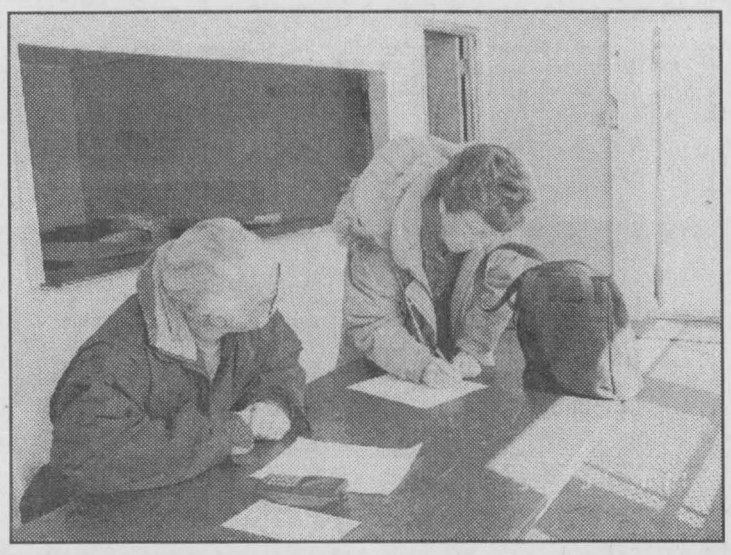
Spring cleanup time is just around the corner and we will be busy with the lawns after the roofers left in the fall and we did not correct the holes and gullies formed by their heavy equipment then, we will have to do so soon.

A pair of Canada Geese flew in the other morning, expecting to find the pond void of ice, they got a shock. Watching them I was almost able to hear them say to one another, "What is going on here?" They left quickly. A couple of Mallards have been busy settling into a family motif down the creek a ways, where the ice is gone and the water is running freely. The male is so beautiful, and his lady even looked pretty nice, all clean and happy.

The old driveway is in need of a load of stone to fill in potholes and make it better for driving and parking on. Someone in the family will hopefully be able to provide a load of nice sized stuff to do the job right!?

The youth members of the Venturers in Iroquois worked hard to sell daffodils for the Cancer Society last week. The big guy helped them out since our numbers are small and the number of flowers were huge. Thanks to the energy and effort that the kids put in, and the generosity of the people in this area this was a job well done by all who came out. A special pat on the back is deserved by Jeremy Johnston and Andy Norton who did double duty despite other draws upon their time. Michelle, Kevin and Adam also did a stint. Without these folks where would such charities be? Doing their community a service, with no pay will make them better citizens in the future. Appreciate your work gang!!

Take things easy. Enjoy the Easter season. Take full advantage of the spring weather to get outdoors. The wisdom comes from Joseph Campbell who said, "As a white candle in a holy place, so is the beauty of an aged face."



Ball registration

Allen Claxton was accepting registrations from parents and grandparents for the youngsters who will play ball this summer in Iroquois. Marge Lapier was signing up her grandson Luc as we arrived. The diamonds will be busy very soon.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Crowder

Suddenly at home, Third Street, Morrisburg, Ronald Claud Crowder on Friday, March 19, 1999.

Born in Williamsburg Township on April 19, 1950, Ron was 48 years of age.

Ronald worked in the Commercial Shipping Industry. He lived most of his life in the Morrisburg area and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Riverside heights.

Predeceased by his father, Claud Crowder he leaves to mourn the loss his mother, Loretta (nee Linnen) Crowder, and daughters: Cassandra and Natasha, both of Ottawa; Amanda and Sheena, both of Morrisburg as well as a brother, Kevin (Lori) of London and a sister,Sheila (Ron) Lapier of Morrisburg. He is sadly missed by a niece, Nicole Lapier of Morrisburg.

Ron was married to Penny Crowder (nee Dillabough) of Morrisburg.

Ron enjoyed gardening and refinishing furniture.

A private family service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Monday, March 22, 1999 with Rev. Mr. Ralph O'Brien officiating. Interment of cremated remains was held at Fairveiw Cemetery, Morrisburg on Wednesday, March 24.

Nina Casselman

Miss Nina Maud Casselman, U.E., formerly of Strader Hill and Williamsburg passed away peacefully late afternoon on Sunday, March 28, 1999, at Versa-Care centre, Cornwall in her 95th year.

Born April 23rd, 1904 at Mariatown, where the Vander Zweep farm is presently located, daughter of the late John F. Casselman and the late Martha Louisa Whitteker. The day she was born, a snow storm made it difficult travelling. To get the doctor there, they had to get the sleighs out after they had been put away for the summer.

Moving to Strader Hill, at age 4, to the farm which has been in the Casselman name since 1806. her only brother, Ivan R. Casselman still resides there. When in her teens, she developed a crippling disease, but managed to get around on crutches, helping with the farm chores and later, nursing her ill mother. In 1946, she moved to the Village of Williamsburg with her parents, nursing her ill mother until her passing in 1947. She later clerked in Ross Wingard's Store in Williamsburg, living in the apartment above the store with her father. She was hit and dragged by a car in the early 1950s, but still was able to get around quite well, even drove a car.

She was involved in many organizations; being the Oldest Member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg; Secretary for Strader Hill School #16; Matilda Rebekah Lodge #342 since May 20, 1975; Women's Institute; C.N.I.B.; Charter Member of the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire loyalist Association of Canada; Executive Member of Casselman Ancestral Society helping with genealogy.

In 1980, Nina received a plaque from the Members and the Board of St. Peter's on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Sunday Schools. It was entitled: Miss Nina Casselman, Secretary-Treasurer St. Peter's Lutheran Church Sunday School, Williamsburg, ontario in grateful acknowledgement of 30 years of dedicated service in serving in the Sunday School. She seldom missed a church service and always on hand to wash the dishes after a supper was held in the church.

Nina entered the Long Sault Parkway Rest Lodge, Long Sault on March 17, 1988. She continued her hobbies of crocheting, quilt binding and knitting for a short time after arriving at the lodge. In 1992, she broke her hip and after an operation, she returned to the lodge. She spent her days in a wheel chair sitting in the front window watching people coming and going and she had a smile and a wave for them all. She helped the lodge Staff by peeling vegetables and folding towels etc. She enjoyed a trip whenever her nephew and his wife (Mahlon and Lynne Cook) took her out. On August 1998, Nina suffered a stroke and after five weeks in the Cornwall general Hospital, she became a resident of the Versa-Care Centre, Cornwall.

Miss Casselman leaves her older sister, Mrs. Roy (Agnes L.) Casselman of The Hartford in Morrisburg and brother, Ivan Roy (Dorothy) Casselman of Strader Hill. Also survived by 8 nieces and nephews...Mahlon R. (Lynne) Cook, U.E. Loyalist of Morrisburg; Evelyn (Douglas) Robinson of Elma; Brian (Lorraine) Casselman of Cornwall; Dale Casselman of Montreal; Carol (David) Bryan of Georgia; Margaret (Steve) fraser of Ottawa; Janet Casselman of Alexandria; Linda (Gerry) Langstaff of Cornwall. She also leaves lots of cousins in the area.

her father, John F. Casselman died in 1968 at the age of 92, her aunt, Effie Casselman Deeks died in 1973, 3 months short of 99 years; her grandfather, Levi J. Casselman died in 1941 at the age of 92; her great-grandfather, john W. Casselman at the age of 80 years in 1889; his wife, Nancy Garlough in 1903 at the age of 88 years. Her great-great-grandfather, United Empire Loyalist Wilhelmus Casselman died in 1844 at 86 years of age. Her only sister, Mrs. Agnes Casselman celebrated her 97th birthday in December, and her only brother, Ivan R. Casselman was 88 years old in December.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Thursday, April 1, from 7 to 9pm and Friday, April 2 from noon until 1:30pm. Funeral service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, on Friday, April 2 at 2pm. The Matilda Rebekahs will hold a service Thursday evening at the Funeral Home. Donations to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or the C.N.I.B. would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Rev. Bill Kurschinski will conduct the service with interment to follow in Old Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Pallbearers will be two nephews: Brian and Dale Casselman, Randy McIntosh, Burl Harriman, Glen Whitteker and Currie McIntosh. Honorary pallbearers are Lyle Van Allen and Donnie Wells.

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Champions

The initiation C Lions won all their games in a round robin tournament in Athens. A great March Break victory, the boys outscored their competition 29-3. Each player received a keeper trophy and as the picture shows, were more than pleased with their awards.

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C Lions wrap up season that featured huge move

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice "C" Lions wrapped up their season by hosting a five team tournament during the March break. The Lions played their first game against the South Grenville Rangers. Playing a hard fought game, the Lions came up short as the rangers skated away with a 4-1 victory. Jane Moss scored the lone counter for the Lions.

In their second game, the Lions came out flying against the Smiths Falls Bears. The Lions earned a well deserved 3-1 win. goal scorers were Chris Tindal, Justin Saunders and Peter Toonders. With their win, the Lions advanced to the semi-finals against their playoff rivals, the Athens Aeros. In a game where the Lions outskated, outshot and had more scoring chances than their opponents, but failed to put the puck into the net. Athens went on to score a surprising 5-0 upset.

The Championship game saw the South Grenville Rangers play Athens. In their season long series, the Aeros had won every match. But, on this day, the Rangers got their revenge and skated away with a convincing 6-2 victory.

This concluded the Lions up and down season on the ice. The boys and Jane can certainly be proud of their accomplishments this season, having faced the challenge of moving from the "house league" division to the "C" level.

A special thanks to the parents and coaches for helping and for making the tournament a success. Honourable mention to Jim Mills and Rob Corry for their support and "time" throughout the season.

Novice Rep Lions face Titans

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg and District Novice Rep Lions travelled to Kingston Township on Sunday, March 21 to play the first game of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Novice "B" Championship.

The Lions knew this would be a tough fight. They came out knowing they would have to throw everything they had at the Titans. They came out hard, with Graham Peters playing at his best.

The Titans scored first with 2:44 left in the second after a scoreless first period. The Lions were having a rough time getting to the Titan's net. The Titans found room and scored two more in the third for the win. The final read 3-0 for the Titans, even though Peters stopped 30 shots on the Morrisburg net. The downfall for the Lions was that they were able to only have a handful of shots on the opponents net.

The next game saw the Lions with home ice advantage and they came out playing a tougher brand of hockey. Trying to turn the Titans' attack towards the boards and get things going their way in this one, the Lions allowed five goals over the three period of play, but were never scored on when short-handed, an admirable feat. The Lions were assessed five minor penalties plus a double minor while Kingston was handed seven minors plus a double minor. Before the start of the final game, Coach Elliott of the Morrisburg squad stressed that, "Whatever happened, wether win or lose, he was indeed the proudest coach in the league. Given the achievements and strides taken by the 1998-99 Novice Rep Lions and that it was a pleasure coaching such hard working dedicated athletes."

Initiation C Lions victorious in March Break tournament

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, March 16, the Morrisburg initiation "C" lions travelled to Athens to participate in a three-game round Robin Tourney.

The Lions won all three of their games as they outscored the competition 29-3 in an amazing display of skill.

During the regular season, the team had a record that was quite enviable, with 13 wins, only 6 losses and 1 tie against a combination of both "C" and "D" level teams.

This year's team was expertly coached by Tommy Hodgson who constantly worked throughout the year on improving the basic skills like stick handling, passing and moved the youngsters into various breakout drills, including offsides, always stressing team play on the ice.

The fruits of his labour were easily observed as the youngsters demonstrated their new skills in many games throughout the season.

The parents wanted to thank Tommy and the team for an extremely fun filled and exciting season. Everyone is looking forward to next season with anticipation, "See everyone in September!"

Curling Club holds closing bonspiel

with Steve Thompson

Last Saturday, the Morrisburg Curling Club held its closing bonspiel. Allan Harriman, Wally McDonald and Chris Gallinger won the Stuart Hope Trophy, getting the nod over rick Leroy, Neil Williams and Joan Morrell. Steve and katie Boucher and Martin Schneckenberger tied for third with Don O'brien, Betty Locke and Donna Stephens. A fine pot luck dinner enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, the Club hosted a Little Rocks Bonspiel. Special thanks to Beavers Dental, the Morrisburg Lions and the Morrisburg Legion whose sponsorship ensured the success of the event. the winners were from Brockville, while russell placed second. The Morrisburg foursome of Jeremy Stewart, Bryan Brunt and Colin and Chris Tupper tied for third. Our two local girl's teams of Stephanie Toonders, Samantha Vaughan, Tiffany Duvall and Brittany Elliott followed by Dayna Schneckenberger, Amber Vaughan, Megan Tindall and Natalie McDonnell. The other local boys' entry was Craig Duvall, Brock Cunningham, Tristan Brunt and Matthew Vanderspank. Teams from Winchester, Granite and City View also competed in this season finale.

Ontario Senior Mixed Curler's Zone Playdowns were held last week. Carleton Place was one of the play sites and Morrisburg's entry, the team of John and Brenda Locke with Steve and Alice Thompson were Zone 2 winners. Along with Hunt Club, they will complete in the Regional Finals on Saturday in Carp with those winners from three other Zones. The top two teams then advance to the Provincial Finals.

For members, plan to attend Morrisburg Curling Club's Annual Meeting tonight, Wednesday, March 31. The Nominating Committee will be proposing a slate of officers for next year and financial, organizational and membership matters will also be on the agenda. Your ideas and votes are important to the future direction of the club.

Remember to sign up at the bar or to phone Donna dillabough to reserve your $10. meal for the Awards Banquet, Thursday, April 7.

Finally, save Saturday, May 15 for the Curling Club Fundraiser at the Morrisburg Golf Club. The cost is projected as being $30 again this year for a round of golf, a fine dinner and prizes. Reserve by phoning Donna or Mahlon Locke. You do not need to be a member to take part,and with the clever handicap system in use, all levels of golfers have an equal shot at the prizes.



Little Rock Curlers

The future of the curling club lies in the brooms and rocks of the youngsters who come out to learn the curling skills that will allow them to play the game. The Little Rocks Bonspiel was held on the weekend and these fellows seemed to know their stuff.

Chieftain Photo by M.C. Bailey

Interbranch Men's Darts

Final standings in the league after scintillating play in Cardinal on Mar. 23 have Prescott #1 on top with 214 points; Cardinal #2, 204; Cardinal #4, 202; Iroquois #7, 187; Iroquois #5, 154; Iroquois #8, 132; Prescott #3, 130; and Iroquois #6, at 120.

A couple of five game winners in the games won category this week, both Mark MacDonald and Tom Reston reaching the standard. At four games apiece are L.J. Steele, Rick Sayeau, and Duane Kirker. Triple winners are Wayne Bellinger, Bob Juby, Jake Summerfield, Trevor Easter, Jim Logie, and Jim Kirkby.

High scores: Wayne Bellinger, 156; Mark MacDonald, 140x2-139; Brad Baynham, 140-125; Jim Kirkby, 140-120; Bill Hutt, 140; Bob Juby, 140; Jake Summerfield, 140; Duane Kirker, 140; Gary Bradford, 138; Rick Sayeau, 135-125x2; Trevor Easter, 132; Glen Adams, 128; Brian Roberts, 125-120; Micky Cook, 125; Tony Easter, 120; Doug Allard, 120.



Bantam Rangers drop a close one

With the 27th Annual South Grenville Midget Tournament creating such a stir, organizers decided to apply their winning formula and host a Bantam tournament to showcase some younger talent. Held at the Cardinal arena, the Bantam Rangers (pictured above) lost a close game against the Buffalo Saints. With the game tied at 2 in the third, the visitors got the go ahead goal and then added some insurance in the final minute. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey*

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Easter Sunrise Service followed by Easter Breakfast (free) at the Knox Pres. Church, Iroquois at 7 a.m on Sunday, April 4, 1999. Sponsored by the Knox Youth Group and Presbyterian Women.

A Praise Service of Easter music will be held at the the Knox Pres. Church, Iroquois, on April 11th at 7 p.m. Featuring choirs from Brinston United, Cardinal Pres. Iroquois Pres. and Community Christian Reformed Churches.

St. John's Anglican Church Roast Beef Supper. Saturday, April 24, 1999 starting at 5 p.m. Adults $8.50, children 12 and under $4.00, Over 12 years $6.00 Pre-School Free, Take out available.

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A Celtic Celebration held by Skating Club

The Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club did what they do best last Saturday evening.

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It was a show that captured the imagination and hearts of all who attended and the *Celtic* theme made for some exciting costume displays as well as some great music.

The show kicked off with the Seniors performing their rendition of *River Dance*. This years' seniors included: Liam Martin, Kyle Gervais, Laura Baker, Kristen Phifer, Sarah Hawn, Ellen Blatch, Sarah McDonald; Allison Scott, Rachelle Deneault, Allen Chung; Stephanie Chung; Brennan Martin, Tara Hickman and Kathleen McKendry.

Jessica Lortie was amazing as she performed a solo and then it was the Canskate Group 1 comprised of: Ryan Gilmer, Eric Kohen, John Glimber, Zacharay MacMillan, Travis MacMillan, Drew Mattice, Jeremy Hough, Kristopher Munroe, Jared Stewart, Sam Decker and Jacob Laginski.

Heather Johnston performed a solo and then it was the Juniors featuring, David Blatch, Mindy and Amy Jamieson and Natlie McDonell.

Rose Deighton and Cameron Keicks were the seventh act to hit the ice and performed a wonderful dance routine which was followed by a solo performance from Caitlin Vandodewaard. The Canskate Group Three performed next and included: Kayla Casselman, Leah Wells, Gillian Beatson, Julie Hough, Brennan German, Hayley Van Allen and Storm Tuttle.

Intermediate pair Lindsay Gilmer and Courtney Hall kept the audience mesmerised through their performance. The dance styling of Rachel Murphy and Kyle Gervais were up next and focused all eyes at centre ice. Following Murphy and Gervais, Karen Stevens performed an amazing solo.

The Canskate Group Two was up next and this year's participants in the program included: Kaila Van Hoof, Bryanna Hickman, Jessica Bass, Bianca Plante, Anna Childerhouse, Kennedi Gervais, Kate Gervais, Makayla Daoust, Halle Bonyun, and Mikayla MacMillan.

Following the Junior Feature of Tracy Jones, Courtney Thompson, Jennifer Julien, the audience was invited to take a 20 minute intermission break.

In the second half of the show, solos were performed by Laura Baker, Brennan Martin and Allan Chung. From the performance of all three, who act as program assistants with the club as well as skaters, it was easy to see how their love of skating could rub off on all of the children they help teach.

The first group up in the second half of the show, 'Scotch on the Rock's' included: Cameron Keicks, Karen Stevens, Caitlin Van Dodewaard, Heather Johnston, Courtney Keicks, Rose Deighton, Lindsay Gilmer, Courtney Hall, Kathleen German and Jessica Lortie.

Up next, the Canskate Four kids included: Kerrin Gellner, Sarah Casselman, Brian Van Moorsel, Kali Crawford, Krystal Miron, Brooks Spencer, Katie Guse, Brianna Stewart and Kimberley Westervelt.

Kathleen McKendry and Kristen Phifer wowed the crowed with their intermediate pairs performance and then the junior feature, with Hayley Carr, Courtney McDermid and Dayna Schneckenburger kept the audience in their seats.

Karine Raizenne and Liam Martin had all eyes on them as they performed their dance routine. Following Raizenne and Martin, the Canskate Six Group made an appearance. This group was comprised of: Hayley Mills, Amy Veltkamp, Jessica Thompson, Sierra Froom, Leslie Schneckenburger, Sarah Speer, Nora Casselman and Ryan Munroe.

Kathleen German and Courtney Keicks were up next, performing their intermediate pairs routine. The next group up, Canskate Five, included: Kelsey Hall, Brianna Froom, Meghan Adams, Taylar Tippins, Jessica Bercier and Elizabeth Casselman.

The dance comprised of three pairs included Rose and Cameron, Rachel and Kyle, Karine and Liam. Following this performance the Senior Girls glided onto the ice. This group included: Laura Baker, Kristen Phifer, Sarah Hawn, Ellen Blatch, Sarah McDonald, Rachelle Deneault, Stephanie Chung, Tara Hickman and Kathleen McKendry.

The show ended with a grand finale of all the skaters making an appearance on the ice.



Skating stars

These young ladies showed that practice can make perfect. Taking part in the annual skating club show they did themselves proud. Their teacher seemed happy with their efforts and family and friends displayed loud enthusiasm. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey*



All set to skate

the excitement behind the curtain grows steadily as show time approaches. The audience was mroe than receptive to the celtic theme and the youngsters did a top notch job. here a young skater waits the cue to skate away.

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Legion mixed Dart League

This is "it" folks, the last of the regular season scores. First place goes to Dream Team, by ½ point only, at 134 1/2; Lucky 7 second with 134; Ringers third place 130; and Cheers fourth with 127 1/2; Double Trouble 117 1/2; Strugglers, 117; Has Beens, 111 1/2; Double Trouble, 106; Free Willie, 104; Guns 'n' Roses, 100; Long Shots, 99; Jays Harem, 98; Cupcakes, 96; Mod Squad, 95; and Earl's Pests and Lloyd's Harem, 93 1/2 each.

High Scores for the week go to Jake Summerfield, 3x100-140; Trevor Easter, 100-140; Dale Baker, 140; Brian Cooper, 132; Lorna Siebert, 130; Joyce Fader, 100-129; Pearl Roy, 128; Duane Kirker, 100, 123; Michelle Walter, 121; Linda Birch, 125; Carol Morrow, 100-120; Chris Thompson, 120. And the 100 games are Tony Easter; Tara Summerfield; Diane Baker; Art Ault; Sheila Holmes; Rodney Francis; Pat Wright; Garnet Summers; Gary Bradford; and Bobby Sayeau.

Game winners: Toby Summerfield, 5; Jeff Donnelly, Art Ault, Jake Summerfield, Rodney Francis, Linda Birch and Sheila Holmes at 4 apiece; Sharon Easter, 3; Tara Summerfield, Carol Morrow, BobbieJo Deschamp, Andre Tschomy, Dale Baker, Carl Gibson, Chris Thompson, Garnet Summers, Gary Bradford, Boomer McKee and Earl Nesbitt at 2 each; Jean Greenough, Joan Ault, Ida Donnelly, Gladys Parks, Diane Baker, Trevor Easter, Kevin Laming, Arnie Fader, Jim Carkner, Kim Francis, Tina Summerfield, Samantha Thompson, Shell Cooper and Jean Greenough at one apiece.

Now, February 26th I didn't have the last name for Wendy who had a 105 game, so here it is — Wendy 'P' Reid, 105. Playoffs start Friday, April 9th. No darts next week. Please let us know if you are attending the May 1st banquet, so we can let the people who manage "our eats" can have enough food on hand.

Enjoy yourselves, have a happy and safe Easter.

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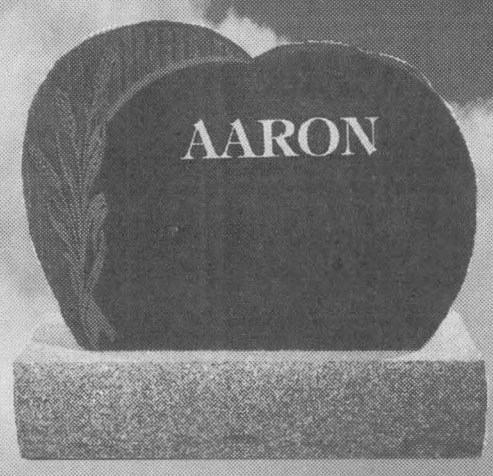

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FOOT CARE	~ Wednesday, April 21st & 28th	$ 12.00
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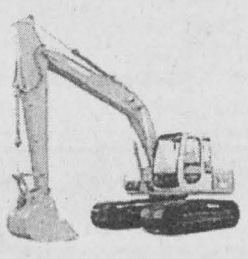
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Atom House Lions claim UCMHL Championship

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Atom House Lions were in a battle in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League finals this week facing the first place team in the West...North Leeds.

The Lions were well aware that North Leeds would be a tough opponent in the finals as North Leeds lost only two games during regular season play.

The Lions ended their regular season play in first place in the East with only one loss. The stage had been set for an exciting final series as East met West.

Game one was set for Morrisburg on Wednesday, March 24. The Lions were pumped as they hit the ice and midway through the first frame, Mitchell Julien put the Lions on the board first on an assist from Matt Thompson. This counter would be the sole scoring in the first. North Leeds pressed the Lions, and were rewarded as they grabbed a goal partway through the second period to tie things at one. By the time the buzzer sounded to end the second, Thompson would feed Anthony Lemaire who in turn would send in Michael Dowson to split the Leeds defense and go to the back hand to deek and score, putting the Lions up 2-1.

In the third period, the intensity grew thicker and the North Leeds poured on the pressure looking to steal home ice advantage away from the Lions. The Lions were being out shot, but key saves by Andrew Tupper coupled with some key, last second checks from some Lions back checkers and the defense were able to run the clock out for the 2-1 Lions' victory.

Game two went in Westport on Sunday, March 28, with the Lions looking to end the series. The Lions seemed to have found their legs and played a much improved positional game. Carrying the game in the first, the Lions were able to rattle the mesh in the North Leeds net for the counter. Matt Thompson was assisted by Michael Dowson and Mitchell Julien on this scoring play.

Thompson led the way in the second nailing the top right corner two minutes into the period from a shot just inside the blue line. Lending a hand on this one were Cody Cassell and Grant McMillan. Up 2-zip, the Lions looked like they were in control of this matchup, but a short break down in the Lions coverage allowed North Leeds to come back and score two goals in the last 20 second of the period to tie things at two.

North Leeds would get a second wind off their late rally and start to pressure the Lions even more, especially in the Lions' end. The play went back and forth and it looked like the series was bound for a return to Morrisburg for game three. But...Matt Thompson had other plans and with only 1:22 left in the match, he poked a loose puck in a scramble in front of the net completing his hat trick and putting the Lions up by one. Time was growing short and with the empty net at the opposite end of the ice, the Lions were unable to get over the red line to dump the puck in. Only 30 seconds remained as North Leeds made their final charge into the Lions end, buzzing around the net like flies. The clock seemed to tick slower and every second felt like a minute as the attempted shots were tipped away by the Lions defense. Liam Remillard then gained control and carried the puck behind his own net to kill off the last few seconds and the game was over. The Lions were League Champs by a 3-2 count. Way to go fellows!

Coach Mike McManus wanted to express his congratulations to the players for their Championship victory and on a special note he added, a congrats to Jeff Eamon, Adrian Bongers and T.J.McManus for their third consecutive UCMHL Championship and Andrew Tupper, Kevin Phifer and Liam Remillard on their second.

Coach McManus is extremely proud of his team for their work ethic and consistent play all year long. "It seemed like the players on our team really raised their level of play on the playoffs this year, making the improvement level of these kids really stand out from the start of the season. This year we had an extra inspiration as the guys wanted to win it for our injured teammate Adrian Bongers."

"To have a successful season you have to have a lot of cooperation and help from different people and I would like to thank all the parents (plus Ray and Reg), assistant Coach, Dave Phifer, Trainer, Dale Tupper, Managers Doug Dowson and Pete Remillard and our Team Mom-Roseanne McManus and all the people who gave her a hand throughout the year," added the smiling and proud Coach.

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

The Iroquois Golf Club (from hence known as the Club) is a subject I have not broached as long as I have written this column. Many times I have felt like commenting on the local courses problems, but I have purposely avoided the subject because I did not want to offend any of the numerous members of the Club who put so much of their time and effort into it. A recent claim I saw in the newspaper made by an Iroquois Golf Club Board member, while he was asking for taxpayers monies to be used as a loan guarantee, was the straw that broke this former member's back.

Before I respond to the dubious claim, I think I had better give some Club background information. Within the last decade, the members of the Club decided that if their course was going to have a long-term future and compete in the local market, that the huge (in terms of size) 9-hole course would have to be expanded to a more lucrative 18-hole course. The Club hired a consultant (at what I am told was great cost) to see if their goal was attainable and when told it was and at what cost they applied for a government grant. If this grant was approved, the course would be able to expand and thus, hopefully bring in more tourism dollars to the local economy. After initially receiving about 50% of the grant the Club had applied for, they appealed the decision and ended up losing the grant money all together. Against what I consider to be all common sense, the Club decided to substantially cheapen their original expansion design but still go ahead with it. The new plan was to raise much of the expansion money through "loans" from the existing membership and applying all the new members (who were supposed to flock to an 18-hole course) initiation fees to the cost. All the "pie-in-the-sky" numbers were laid out for everyone to see in the Club's financial plan that as produced when the Club was first looking for local government help. As a member of the Club at the time that all this was taking place, the most prevalent "financial plan" that I saw surface was to milk all of the existing members of every dollar they could while encouraging green fee players with "two-for-one" deals and cut rates. I finally got fed up with this (and I know I wasn't alone) turn of events and have not been a member the last two years.

Anyone who has ever been a member of the Club or paid for green fees on occasion have a good idea of some of the problems that the course is faced with. While I was a member at Iroquois, I tried to get my golfing buddies to come and play here as often as possible. Unfortunately, on most days, it was like pulling teeth because I always heard the same complaints about the course being treeless, that good balls were near impossible to find, the course was poorly laid out and boring and the one that always troubled me the most, that they found the members of the Club to be unfriendly to outsiders.

My best response to these complaints was that they might be true, but that you could always play a quicker round at Iroquois than any other 18-hole course and not to feel too bad because the members aren't all that friendly to each other. A typical Men's Night at the Club consists of numerous cliques sitting at different tables trying not to make any eye contact with someone that they would not normally nod at on the street let alone share a drink with. This may be the same scenario at all golf clubs, but if it is, I don't know why anyone would want to endure a Men's night.

The Club is doomed as long as its self-anointed braintrust ignores the fact that the course has major problems and doesn't find imaginative ways to address them. An example of myopia took place last year when all members were charged $50.00 before the year started for food and drink. I was told they did this because some members were not going into the clubhouse and spending any money. I think instead of putting another fee on top of your members, why not ask yourself why people aren't going in there in the first place and improve things. This winter they further disgruntled some long-time members by getting rid of the pool table and closing the clubhouse all winter. For a Club that is supposedly in such dire financial straits this was another mind-boggling decision to me. I don't know how much money the Cedar Glen Golf Club makes by staying open all winter, but I dare say it must be a slightly better financial move than further alienating your membership and closing your doors to the feared "outsiders."

I could go on and on about the Club, but I think I'll just let this little charade play itself out and see what finally happens to the course. I think we can get a good idea though if you paid attention to the Club's representatives claim at the recent South Dundas Council meeting. When local officials asked him why it was a good idea for the taxpayers to back this most recent loan, I do believe I read where he said that the Club has a new financial plan (Hello!) and the board of members is finally going to pay attention to debits and credits. In the same newspaper I read an interview with the new Club pro (the third in Iroquois short 18-hole history) where he said he came from a stable job to a struggling Iroquois because the financial incentives were better. Another item I liked and was familiar with was the uncertainty over the kitchen. Once again the Club isn't sure who will operate it, when it will open and closed and say they will let the public decide the hours. I ask, "How can the public decide the hours if they are never sure if the damn thing is open or closed or even if the same operator will be there from one day to the next?" The taxpayers of South Dundas can give the Iroquois Golf Club a $35,000 grant, but if they keep letting them only plant a few trees a year and keep everything else as status quo, they might as well burn it because the new club financial plan sounds like it's starting off a lot like the old one to me.

Friends of the Iroquois Public Library present a tea and poetry reading April 10th

Enjoy tea with a smile. The Friends of the Iroquois Library are again holding their annual tea and poetry event. This year the theme is humorous verse served with tea and goodies at the Iroquois Civic Centre on April 10 at 2 p.m. Come out and relax while you listen to your neighbours read some of their favourite limericks and funny poems. If you want to add a few of your own, let Tony know (652-4089).

What makes us grin over a bit of clever doggerel? The art of comedy writing always seems so simple, as if the words just slid off the pen. But it is said to be one of the most difficult forms of writing to master, and sadly, one of the ones least likely to earn you respect. Publish something weighty and "serious" and your reputation is enhanced, but success at satire or farce or parody will win you readers that are sure they could have done it as well if they'd had a moment to spare from their more important tasks.

We know that earning a laugh seems to stem from evoking the unexpected, some juxtaposition of unlikely elements. A man slips on a banana and we laugh. It's a surprise. And maybe we didn't like the fellow. And we might even feel ashamed of our mirth, similarly to when we get an attack of the giggles at an inappropriate time. The laugh can be bigger and more certain if we see the surprise coming and hang in suspense waiting for the victim to step on that banana that we have noticed, but he hasn't.

Often, in a longer work the humorous stretches will be broken up occasionally by solemn moments — the look behind the scene when the clown cries. The contrast makes the tears more poignant and the laughs more needed. And sometimes humour is the honey the writer applies to slip in some truth that we don't want to know.

But why analyse? Come out and exercise your funnybone and join in the occasion. At the same time, librarian Eleanor Pietersma promises that the newest arrivals for the Adopt-a-Book programme will be on advance display. See what new books will soon find their way onto the shelves of our library, thanks to the kindness of community-minded people like yourself.

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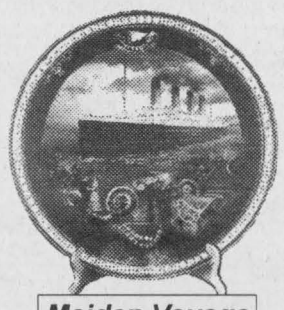

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Divine dancers

Rachel Murphy and Kyle Gervais did a wonderful job as they danced across the ice surface like abgels. The talent the local club demonstrated shows that some day soon we will be watching some of these kids on the tube at larger performances.

Chieftain photo M.C.Bailey

Chip wagon leaves Cardinal eateries feeling burned

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The mysterious appearance of a chip wagon right outside the doors of the Cardinal Community Centre during last weekend's midget AAA tournament had local restauranteurs saying they were the victims of some deep-fried treachery.

Operators of three of the five main eateries in town met at Martha Castleman's Chatterbox Cafe to report what they said was underhanded dealing on the part of South Grenville Minor Hockey and the Community Centre Board.

Mark Primeau of the Spitfire Bar and Grill and Eunice Wicks of the Railside Restaurant joined Castleman in questioning why minor hockey representatives sold them $35 advertisements in the tournament programme, when a Prescott-based chip wagon was going to be allowed to take the bulk of the concessions.

The owners all said the business did not materialize, even though hundreds of extra people were drawn to town.

"If I would've known there was going to be a chip wagon, I would not have put this much out in advertising," Primeau said, adding he spent more money on newspaper advertising in the weeks leading up to the tournament as well.

So much extra traffic was supposed to come their way that they were told to stock up on supplies.

Wicks relates how one man promised her he would show up with a party of 70 and said he wanted large hotdog buns, requiring a special order. Wicks was in the process of receiving the buns when the delivery man mentioned business was booming down at the arena. She cancelled her order on the spot.

Her hunch was right — the hockey players were a no-show.

Castleman said the S.G.M.H.A. insisted on controlling all food advertisements posted inside the arena. The only poster allowed in the lobby was hawking the wares of the chip wagon just outside the door, she said.

Primeau, who is also involved with the Spitfire outlet in Brockville, said the chip wagon could easily have grossed $5,000 and that a percentage of it obviously was going to minor hockey.

"If this is how Cardinal is going to treat you, I guarantee you that I have a big mouth and I'm going to tell other people about this."

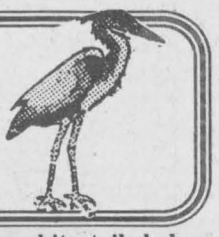
The S.G.M.H.A. would have gotten permission for the chip wagon from the Community Centre Board — which includes two members of Council — in order to hook up its electricity, the owners surmise.

Now, they have turned their sites on updating Cardinal's chip wagon bylaw. Cardinal licenses chip wagons under a broad 1959 bylaw for "hawkers and peddlers." Prices reflect the time: a one-time $50 fee buys a license to run a chip wagon in Cardinal. Operating without license would hit the violator with a fine between $1 and $5.

The owners want to make submission before Council, but have been told they need two weeks notice. Council meets next week, which means a five-week wait before Wicks, Castleman and Primeau get their 15 minutes at the following meeting.

Said a fiery Castleman: "They won't allow us 15 minutes presentation because they're so busy? Are they that busy?

St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Linda Anderson

The second day of Spring arrived and with it, a huge dump of wet, clinging snow. When we first looked out our window that morning, we were greeted by the sight of 50 pairs of beady, starling eye, the birds waiting, brooding, in our walnut tree. The birds' breakfast treat enticed a huge, noisy flock of starlings, red-winged blackbirds, house sparrows and gold finches to swoop down to the feeders. A cacophony of noise!

Since then, the weather has improved and a beautiful, Canadian spring is upon us once again. The days are slowly warming, the sap is running, if somewhat sporadically and the woods are alive with bird song. Take time to open a window and listen to the soft cooing of the **mourning doves** as they begin their courtship. Thrill to the honking of returning **Canada Geese**. Spring brings hope to our hearts. Once again we have survived winter. The return of the birds is confirmation that our land will soon be alive and green again.

Along with the red-wings, the **grackles** have returned and one resident on Irena Road at the Brinston Road spotted a **Brewer's blackbird**. It is slightly larger than a red-wing but has a light eye longer tail and is more bluish around the head. You may see it in a mixed flock of grackles and starlings.

On a return trip from Brockville along the 401, we checked for the **wild turkeys,** but did not see them. We heard that one of the turkeys was killed by a car. But we did see a **white tailed deer** beside a fence near the blue Church road and a **pileated woodpecker** flew right over the car. Pileateds, the largest North American woodpecker, are huge and once you see one, you won't forget it. The crested red head, the black and white pattern on the wings and the sailing, somewhat undulating flight are diagnostic. These are shy birds, though and it takes a patient observer to spot one in the woods.

An early morning walker heading up to Iroquois Point spotted **two pileateds** sitting in a tree. She also saw a **male and female cardinal**, the male flew to the top of a tall poplar and sang from there. The song is quite distinctive indicating courtship has begun.

There are still a few lingering **tree sparrows** and **horned larks**, but they will head off north very soon.

Kildeer have arrived! One was seen in the fields near Rowena by our Irena road birdwatcher. Several more were seen by our Dr. Miller Drive birdwatcher who called in her sighting on Sunday. March 28th. Returning birds are like old friends and the sound of their calls is like a knock on the door.

Cowbirds are also back. This is a lazy species, considered a parasite, which uses other birds' nests in which to lay their eggs.

Keep the reports coming and thanks to those who called this week. The number for reports is 652-2555.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

For the second week in a row, the lounge was packed with 19 Cribbage players present. Leading the field after and eight week drought was Bill Farrell. Duane Kirker picked up second place followed by Paul Morrow in third. Eleven skunks invaded the premises and harold head and Ron Perrin roped a pair each. With only three weeks of regular play remaining, the battle for season high average is still tight, between Joe MacDonald and Ted Grattan with Willis Douglas lurking nearby...should either of the leaders falter in the home stretch.

At the Euchre tables, which have been quite active, the first prize went to Mabel Prieur with Muriel-Benson picking up second prize and Lyle Barkley getting the door prize.

At Duplicate Bridge, the winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

On Sunday past there was a good turn out for the Steak Shoot, but as I write this newsletter, I cannot provide the results of who won etc. for I can't reach a contact person.

NO Bingo on April 5 (Easter Monday). Please remember this !!! But the $1000. Bingo will take place the following Monday, April 12th.

As I mentioned last week; our Branch will be hosting a very important event on April 5th. The presentation by Steven King, Naval Captain of the HMCS Iroquois will present the memorial plaque from the ship which is to be retired in the near future. The presentation will take place on the evening of April 5th. Special guest for this event is Perry de Bellefeuille PO2 (A former Iroquois native) who is presently serving on the HMCS Iroquois. The social hour and dinner is by INVITATION ONLY!! But the presentation will take place at 8pm is open to the PUBLIC. Everyone who would like to see this presentation, COME ON OUT...You are more than Welcome!!

Remember:
Mon.- April 5-Bingo cancelled, will resume April 12 with $1000 Bingo.
Tues.- Euchre and Bingo
Wed.- Line Dancing
Thurs.-Last night Men's Dart League
Frl.- Mixed Dart League
Sat.- Cribbage in the Lounge

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Each week Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes, not just the crime of the week.

This week Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in solving a break and enter at a residence on Cameron Rd in North Dundas. The break in occured on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Culprits gained entry by forcing the garage door open and kicking in the inside door leading to the basement. Suspects stole the following items:

- RCA 25-27" colour TV
- RCA VCR
- stereo system (two remotes)
- wooden jewellery box with flowered painted glass top
- flowered hand-painted blue copper bracelet
- glass ornament of a blue dog
- ladies' family ring with a topaz, diamond, ruby, two green stones and one light blue stone.

If you have any information on this or any other crime, please contact Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477. We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymous. You will not have to appear in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers, it's your program.

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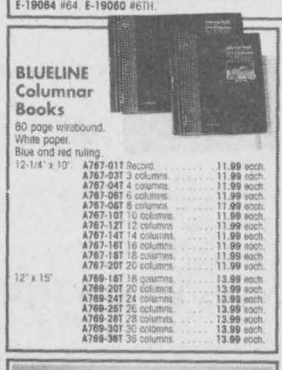













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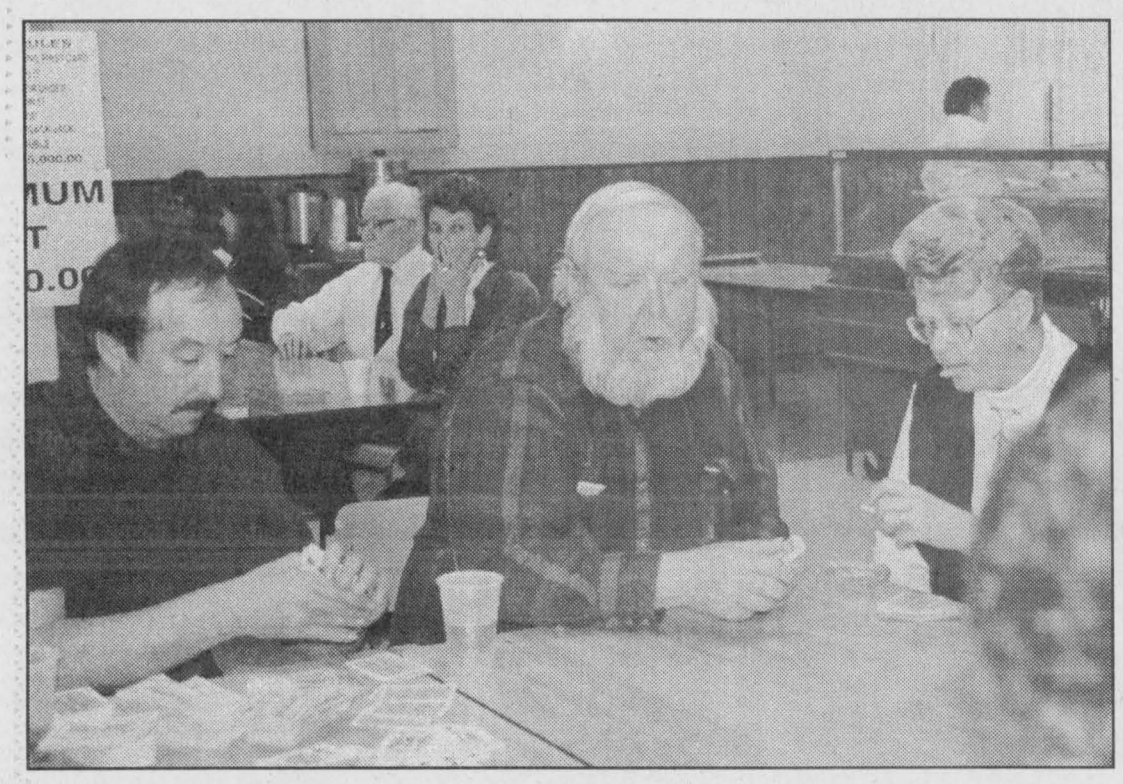

A straight run!

Pictured above (left with cards in hand) Robert Bailey was just one of the many volunteers at the Morrisburg Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bailey was dealing black jack at the charity casino and auction. To his right, Terry Mabo keeps a close eye on the cards to make sure he's not dealing from the bottom of the deck!

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

HMCS

HMCS Cormorant for 3 months he was drafted ashore to Maritime Command headquarters and promoted to Leading Seaman. He completed his junior leadership training in December 1990 and was posted to *HMCS Gatineau* in January 1992. During his time on Gatineau he sailed on a six month deployment with the Standing Naval Force Atlantic and qualified for the Special Service Medal for 180 days of NATO service. In December '94 he was posted to St. John's Newfoundland where he instructed Naval Reserves at *HMCS Cabot* for a period of three years. Six months into this posting he was appointed to the rank of Master Seaman. In May of '97 PO2 DeBellefeuille was posted to *HMCS Halifax* and participated in exercises including SOLANT 97 off the coast of South Africa and South America.

In August '97 PO2 DeBellefeuille received his Canadian Forces Decoration, a medal presented to a serving member after having completed 12 years of exemplary service.

In January 1998 the Naval Signalman trade underwent amalgamation with the Naval Radio Operator trade. This amalgamation required his completion of a conversion training course which took place in Halifax and lasted five months. Upon completion of this training PO2 DeBellefeuille received his promotion to his current rank of Petty Officer Second Class and a subsequent posting to *HMCS Iroquois*.

PO2 DeBellefeuille has had a long successful and challenging career. Having visited over 50 cities in 27 countries, crossed the Arctic Circle twice, the Equator and both capes.

Perry was married 11 years ago in Iroquois to Nancy Greener of Halifax, Nova Scotia. They have two children, Matthew, 8, and Brittany, 2, and currently reside in Enfield, Nova Scotia.

Sabourin

Dundela, and that she serves them at her orchard. The committee, whose president is Dundela resident Keith Lewis, is an independent non-profit group.

Between fifteen and nineteen acres remain of the original farm. Lewis told the assembled group that Skof sold-off a 30-acre chunk two years ago. Skof had originally wanted $250,000 for the total acreage, Lewis said, but would settle for $125,000 for the final piece, which includes the house and site of the first McIntosh tree.

His committee is looking into government grants to see the place fixed up.

Presently, the house on the property is being used as a rental unit, sometimes two units. The house has a history of electrical and septic system problems, according to Lewis.

Update

Sabourin got a hold of the elusive Gerd Skof on the telephone last weekend and reported back that his asking price is $180,000 ...

But Skof is now willing to allow others to dress up the area around the roadside plaques with a picket fence and some flowers. Access to the tree marker inside his property is still denied, however.

Novice B

Graham Peters was outstanding in the pipes for the Lions. With this win to their credit, the Lions were in the final against the Red Barons from Cumberland. The Barons are a tough team and were determined to be victorious in this match for the gold. With three solid lines of players, the barons were going to be difficult to beat. The lions were not daunted, and came out ready and willing to do their best. The game started fast with both teams getting some pretty good scoring chances. After a scoreless first frame, the Barons opened the scoring at 6:04 of the second, and went up 2-0 by the end of the period. The Lions just could not seem to capitalize on their chances, but never gave up. The Barons added two more counters in the final period to defeat the Lions 4-0. Despite the loss, Peters still played a great game as did the entire team. They played well enough to wear silver home as they were presented with the silver medals for their efforts throughout the tournament.

A terrific way to end a great season that began late last September. Coach Elliott said, "I would like to extend many thanks to the players for working their butts off, not only in practices, but in every game as well. To the parents for their respect and dedication through the 1998-99 season...it will be a long remembered ride!" noted Elliott.

In closing things out, it is of note that the Lions will be represented at the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Novice All Star Game in Kemptville on April 3 starting at 9am as Graham Peters will be in the pipes, Noah Van Moorsel will be on defence and Matt Hummell and Brandon Elliott on the forward lines.

Cameron

Cameron served as a counc in Oxford on the Rideau before taking over as Reeve and if the crowd on hand in Prescott was any indication, Runciman will have his work cut out for himself.

"He (Runciman) has to be held accountable for the policies of the Mike Harris government," Cameron forcefully said, "Leeds and Grenville needs jobs! There has been a mass exodus of businesses in this riding and something has to be done."

And while it may be easy for one to criticize, Cameron, unlike your average politician, actually has a plan!

According to Cameron, a small group of people could be formed, outside the government, to promote tourism. "It's the way to create jobs in Eastern Ontario. Many people are employed immediately, it's multilayered, and other businesses will feel the benefits."

As well, he believes this area could use another ethanol plant. "We need more in Ontario and we've already proved that being environmentally friendly is not incompatible with profit."

Thanking all who showed up, Cameron told the group there were no "losers" on this day. "We have a vision for Ontario and each of us is committed to do our part. Our vision is one of a vibrant economy and I would ask all of you to be proud of yourselves - together we're going to make it happen!"

Ask the Chef

Is there an official Cheesecake Mecca in Ontario? If not, I would like to be the first to nominate Brinston, seeing as how two of the best recipes I have seen for cheesecake have been submitted by readers from Brinston. This one is a real treat. It was featured on our dessert table this past Thursday prepared to perfection by one of my dessert experts, Madeline Claxton. She tells me that it was an easy recipe to follow. Many thanks to Darlene Riddell for submitting this recipe, I extend an invitation to Ms. Riddell for dinner for two in our dining room, The Orchard, on us, featuring her dessert. I have recently begun to consider compiling a cookbook featuring the recipes sent to me by you the reader, if you'd like to see one of your recipes published, please send it to me, I'll see what I can do.

Raspberry Lemon Cheesecake

Crust:
1 cup graham crumbs
1/4 cup butter/margarine melted
2 tbsp. sugar

Filling:
750 grams cream cheese (3 pkgs)
1 cup sugar
3 tbsp. all purpose flour
1 tbsp. grated lemon peel
3 tbsp. lemon juice
4 eggs

Raspberry Topping:
300 grams frozen unsweetened raspberries (thawed)
1/3 cup sugar
2 tbsp. corn starch
1 tbsp. lemon juice

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl combine crust ingredients, press in bottom of springform pan (9"). Bake 10 minutes, set aside to cool. Heat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl combine filling ingredients, except eggs. Beat with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beat well after each egg has been added. Pour filling into crust. Bake 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 275 and bake for one hour. Remove from oven, run sharp knife around edge of pan, cool on a wire rack. Drain raspberries reserving juice. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch, stir in lemon and raspberry juice, cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils, simmer one minute. Stir in raspberries once cool. Chill. Just before serving, spread topping over cream cheese. Serves 8 to 10 people. Bon Appetit!



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